Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at (617) 832-1000. A marked-up version, showing the changes made, of the amended paragraph of the Specification follows.

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On page 1, the first paragraph after "Government Funding" was amended as follows:

This [The present] invention was made with support under Grant Number

9421982-CHE, awarded by the National Science Foundation [provided by the National
Institutes of Health]; the government, therefore, has certain rights in the invention.